GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL COURTS ON DALIT ATROCITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where special courts have been constituted so far for fast hearing of cases registered under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989;

(b) the names of States where special courts have not been constituted so far under the said Act, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to set up special courts where such courts have not been set up so far; and

(d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) All State Governments except Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland, which are predominantly Tribal Area States, have notified the existing Courts of Sessions as Special Courts for the speedy trial of offences under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh have, however, set up exclusive special courts.

The Ministry has been addressing the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to implement the provisions of the Act in letter and spirit.